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For: DEVICE FOR MANUFACTURING	)	
CUSHIONS FILLED WITH A	)	January 8, 2002
MEDIUM, SERIES OF CUSHIONS	)	
AND CUSHION MANUFACTURED	)	
BY SUCH A DEVICE, AND	)	
TUBULAR FOIL	)	

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Upon filing, and prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the claims in this application to read as follows:

1. Device for manufacturing cushions filled with a medium from synthetic pre-processed tubular foil, to which device flexible pre-processed tubular foil is supplied in a supply direction, in which the flexible pre-processed tubular foil is supplied in flat condition, in which the pre-processed tubular foil has a first and a second longitudinal edge opposite each other, said device being provided with introduction means for introducing a medium, with cutting means for making a cut in the pre-processed tubular foil only and at least near the first longitudinal edge of the foil, the introduction means being elongated and insertable in the pre-processed tubular foil through the cut made by the cutting means for abutment of the introduction means against the part of the first longitudinal edge that is not yet cut, and with sealing means for sealing the pre-processed tubular foil in longitudinal direction and between the introduction means and the second longitudinal edge for sealing off the cut made by the cutting means.